



# Southeast Fishery Bulletin

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## **NOAA Fisheries Announces Sea Turtle Release Gear Workshops for Snapper-Grouper and Reef Fish Permitted Vessels in the South Atlantic**

NOAA Fisheries will conduct outreach workshops to review required sea turtle release gear for federal commercial and for-hire permit holders for Snapper-Grouper, Reef Fish, and Highly Migratory Species (HMS).

The workshops will cover gear requirements, where to purchase or how to make gear, how to use the gear, and possible fines associated with not having the required equipment on board the vessel. The workshops will be held during August in Florida where there are permit holders for all three fisheries.

These workshops do not fulfill requirements under HMS regulations for Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification workshops for longline and gillnet fisheries with shark or swordfish directed or incidental limited access permits as described at <http://go.usa.gov/XtFd>.

### **Workshop dates and locations:**

#### **Saturday, August 16**

**6:30-8:00 pm**

U.S. Coast Guard Station  
1800 Overseas Highway  
Marathon, Florida

#### **Sunday, August 17**

**6:30-8:00 pm**

Garrison Bight Marina  
Palm Avenue and Eisenhower Drive  
Key West, Florida

#### **Monday August 18**

**6:30-8:00 pm**

Postcard Inn  
84001 Overseas Highway  
Islamorada, Florida

#### **Tuesday, August 19**

**6:30-8:00 pm**

Port Salerno Commercial Dock  
4643 Southeast Park Drive  
Stuart, Florida

#### **Wednesday, August 20**

**6:30-8:00 pm**

River Walk Center – Sunrise Room  
600 North Indian River Drive  
Fort Pierce, Florida

#### **Thursday, August 21**

**6:30-8:00 pm**

Port Canaveral Administration Building  
455 Challenger Road  
Port Canaveral, Florida

#### **Friday, August 22**

**6:30-8:00 pm**

Galimor Center  
399 Riberia Street  
St. Augustine, Florida

#### **Saturday, August 23**

**5:30-7:00 pm**

Safe Harbor Seafood  
4378 Ocean Drive  
Mayport, Florida

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